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### Butchers 506 Send Sept. News Reports to Servicemen

Butchers Union 506, has compiled and mailed its September "news letter" to its members in the armed services of Uncle Sam throughout the world. Because of vacations, no such letter was sent during August. The letter is reproduced here for benefit of members still living in this area.

September 3, 1943

Greetings:

Owing to vacations in the office, I missed out on our letter for August. We have had so many requests for these letters that we promise not to slip up again. Your letters to us are printed in the Union paper each week.

Well, the meat situation has improved greatly since we last wrote to you. All plants are running again, and we have a new slaughterhouse in Gilroy opened by Frank Borelli. He is using a crew of about six men at present. The San Jose Meat Company and the San Joaquin Meat Company closed, but Joe Kauffman has opened the San Joaquin plant under the Kauffman Meat Company. Ed. Peterson opened with a very small crew. He is having trouble with Uncle Sam, and we mean trouble. Freeman of the United Packing Company in San Francisco, with two employees was sentenced to jail for about three weeks, and is held without bail, according to the newspapers. Two Chinese markets in San Jose were closed as well as one in Sunnyvale. It looks like Uncle Sam means business when it comes to grading, ceiling prices and points.

This past week has really been something. The Draft Boards notified all fathers, under a certain age, that they either get into essential work or take the Army. What a headache. If this order goes through, the butchers business will look like a skeleton. We believe that Congress will do something about it. Retail men have been declared non-essential. Who will cut meat for our defense workers?

We are just talking to Joe Benevento, who has a few days at home. He is stationed at Kearns, Utah. Looks swell and is feeling fine. He expects to leave his base soon.

We received a letter from Joe Rostano who is stationed in Alaska. He is still cutting meat and is the only butcher in his outfit. He says he would like to hire one of our Butcherettes. I don't think that would be so good, Joe, you being the only butcher in the outfit.

A swell letter from Toney Sparacino, who is also in Alaska, we believe. He says he can't tell us where he is but "it is between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea". He had some trip across. The first two days he was "sicker than a dog having kittens". He was feeling swell while the boat was docked, but when they hit the high seas, then Toney was off for his bunk where he stayed for two days, come what might. At last the Captain got him on top side and he felt better.

Corporal Louie Moro reports that he is still cutting meat in a base butcher shop. The day before he wrote to us they cut 2,022 lbs of chicken, the next day 1,345 lbs of pork loins, and the following day 17 hind quarters for steak. We wonder what a steak looks like. Louie reports plenty of meat in his camp. He belongs to the Camp Baseball club.

Rene Bourdet, stationed on the east coast, says you cooks and bakers will throw Captain Moorhead a swell feed when you get back, plenty of spuds and navy beans. That won't be a special feed as I am eating that now. Rene is on a destroyer and does most of all the meat cutting, but is also a cook and baker. He says he will see us on a feature Wednesday night. That's a date, Rene.

Sgt. Lester Nunes has traveled some since he wrote to us and is now located in Walla Walla Washington in the General Hospital. He says beef is plentiful there, and the patients get the best. When you get a furlough, Lester, and are down this way drop in the office as we would like to meet you. Lester worked for Purity in King City and we did not make a trip to that town while he was there.

Corporal Nancie Crone reports

from Avon Park, Florida "the land of the mosquitoes". He was assigned to flying duty on a medium bomber, but after a few high altitude flights, as high as 30,000 feet, his lungs couldn't take the strain even with the oxygen mask, so the doctors ordered him grounded for the present. That was pretty high.

So my pal and buddy Red Bilo-deaux was in Santa Cruz and couldn't drive over a few hills to see me and let me meet Mrs. Bilo-deaux. Listen, Red, what is a little tiff with a techie Sargent in your young life. You have met tougher in meat markets. Don't let them get you down. I know how you feel, this waiting for action is what gets you, but it won't be long and you can settle down in a little home.

A letter from Elton Rhoads stationed at Santa Ana. He is a 2/c cook. Also cutting meat for about 50,000 men. They cut from 175 to 250 hindquarters for steaks, 300 sides of veal and about 150 forequarters for roasts. At one time while in San Diego he had to grind up 700 lbs of filets. Remember if they say grind these, well you just grind. Heard from your father the other day, Elton, and he is doing alright.

We received letters from Olin Miller, stationed at Fort Ord, Earl Stout stationed in the islands, Paul Doane at Camp Ord, Gaylord Zanzow at Camp Maxey, Tom Castro in the islands and Fred Medaris on a boat somewhere in the Pacific.

William Samford has entered the service and Larry Cunha has been discharged, the number of boys in the service to date, 93.

I don't know if I have ever reported to you our joint council known as the United Labor League and consisting of members from the A. F. of L., C. I. O., Railroad Brotherhood and the Independent Union. We meet once a month and are really doing a grand job. You can remember that Kasper and I preached Unity in Labor for a good many years, and now we see our dreams come true, at least in Santa Clara County.

Les and I will be leaving for Los Angeles on the 10th for a two day meeting of the Western Federation of Butchers. We hope to clear up many things at this meeting.

Now for a little report from each branch Local: Palo Alto meeting has been postponed until the 23rd this month owing to Admission Day falling on our meeting night. The Quick Freeze Co. is doing quite a business, but are changing help very often. Frank Horst closed his market from the 4th to the 10th. He says he is expecting a grandchild and wanted to be free so he could make the trip to Sacramento. Yes, he has saved his gas stamps. We have a new man at Duca and Hanley. Charles Bonham and comes from Detroit.

In Monterey we find several of our boys who are in the service, and stationed at the Presidio, helping out in our markets on their time off. William Steilmuller has opened the Drive-In Market in Salinas.

Not much news from Watsonville, as that Local has lost a number of its members. Walter Koughan of Purity is in San Jose with the Bateman Locker Company. Louie Matson is in Ogden. Jim Hannagan is back with Peterson, after working at the San Joaquin plant.

In Hollister Andy Anderson was elected President for the balance of the year and he makes a very good one. This Local has increased in membership owing to our two slaughterhouses there.

Well this is all the space I am allowed so keep your chins up and keep plugging and we on the home front will do the same.

Fraternally yours  
—EARL A. MOORHEAD,  
Captain of the Home Front

Look Tory Congressmen!

### Seed Plant Building Job Now All Union

With co-operation of the California State Federation of Labor, the Building Trades Council at San Jose has been enabled to make necessary adjustments at the construction job at Ferry-Morse Seed Co. holdings near San Juan Baptista, with the result that the job is now all union.

Assistance of E. D. Vandeleur, secretary of the State Federation, was gratefully acknowledged by union officials concerned in the negotiations. The job, including some 12 buildings in a Mexican labor camp, was started without a contractor and with non-union workmen.

Many workers, including plumbers, electricians, and some carpenters, are coming from the Salinas area for this job. Others, including painters, are from Hollister. Jurisdiction is in hands of the Santa Clara County Building Trades Council, with headquarters at San Jose.

### FISH CANNERS GET PAY HIKE

George Issel, business representative of the Fish Cannery Workers of the Pacific, reports that the War Labor Board has approved a wage increase of 10 cents an hour to all workers of the following firms:

August 30—National Oil Company.  
September 15—Farralane Chemical Company (subsidiary of Borden's).

The 10th Regional War Labor Board, it is reported, is making recommendations for \$1.05 per hour, and time and a half for overtime after forty hours. Also provided is double time over 12 hours in any one day.

### Pine Box Crews Win Pay Claim On Bad Material

Workers of the California Pine Box Co. at Salinas, members of Lumber Handlers Union 3034, won their point from the firm last week when a shipment of poor quality shuck for making boxes was received.

The workers, who had been on piece rate, rebelled when the poor material arrived, its use cutting sharply into earnings. The firm management, however, granted a concession and agreed to average hourly pay for recent weeks and pay that much as guarantee for the period it takes on the bad material.

### LEHR NAMED PRESIDENT OF ROOFERS

E. E. Lehr, of 142 11th St., Pacific Grove, was elected president of Roofers Union 50 of this area recently, succeeding Rufus Robinson, of Santa Cruz.

Frank Walker, of Salinas, continues as secretary of the organization.

### In Union Circles

SALINAS

J. B. McGinley, of laborers 272, and Louis Jenkins, of Plumbers 503, were in San Francisco last week for a big meeting of the War Labor Board there.

Secretary W. G. Kenyon of the Labor Council took a week's vacation last week, spending much of it in San Francisco area on business.

Hitler isn't pointing with any pride to the fact that a lot more of his warriors are getting to America than ours are getting to Germany.—ARKANSAS GAZETTE.

### CONVENTION IMPOSSIBLE THIS YEAR, EXPLAINED

San Francisco, California.

(CFLNL)—As a result of a number of inquiries received by the California State Federation of Labor regarding the postponement of the annual convention, the executive council of the Federation wishes to make clear why this action was taken and establish unmistakably what the actual facts are.

When the council decided to postpone the holding of the convention it was guided by the restrictions on travel, the scarcity of hotel accommodations and other serious impediments produced by the war. After analyzing all of these factors closely and carefully there was no other conclusion to reach than the one arrived at. After again reviewing this decision, the council is even more firmly convinced that it would be practically impossible to hold a satisfactory convention of the Federation this year.

COMPARED WITH LEGION  
Since the holding of the State convention of the American Legion provoked curiosity as to the Federation's ability to hold its convention, the Executive Council wishes to explain what the circumstances were in regard to the Legion convention.

First of all, the Legion began preparing for its convention a year ahead of time. Secondly, no one was guaranteed any transportation facilities. Thirdly, all of the legionnaires and their friends living in the San Francisco Bay Area were canvassed for room accommodations, and all posts electing delegates were informed that the delegates would have to double up and triple up in order to have any accommodations. As it was, the full quota of delegates did not attend as has been the custom in conventions of this organization.

ACUTE HOUSING CONDITION  
After investigating again the possibilities of holding a Federation convention, the Executive Council has been able to ascertain that the situation is worse today than previously. There is not a city in the state that could really house a Federation convention, and the transportation problem has grown more acute.

"ACTION UNAVOIDABLE"  
The Executive Council wishes the various organizations which have protested the postponing of the convention and those which have asked for more information to know that it is in the fullest sympathy with their sentiments, but that the action in putting off the convention was unavoidable. As a matter of fact, there was simply no choice in the matter. The council is also of the opinion that it would perhaps have been wiser to have polled the organizations on the questions, but the reasons for this procedure not having been followed can be attributed to the intervention of so many pressing problems and the enormity of this task.

All the affiliates of the Federation are being informed now that just as soon as conditions make it possible, the council will not waste a second's time in taking steps for the convening of labor's delegated strength in the state of California.

### COAL IS KING

The by-product of coal has become an integral part of all major steel works and a basic factor in the sale of products ranging from sulfanilamide to paint. Modern by-product plants are today producing a better coke and are recovering all the gas, tars, and light oils which go into drugs, dyes, disinfectants, narcotics, plastics, solvents, perfumes, fertilizers, artificial silks, explosives.

Some of our allies are much worse off than we are. They have to fight their war without any help from Hollywood.

### 'EQUAL RIGHTS' AMENDMENT HIT AS ATTEMPT TO TORPEDO LAWS

Cleveland, Ohio  
Opposition to the equal rights amendment pending in the U. S. Senate has been expressed by 80 prominent women leaders, including Mrs. Roosevelt, in a letter made public by the National Consumers League.

Termining the amendment "a gold brick that may glitter, but would hurt if it hit," Elizabeth Magee, secretary of the League, said copies of the letter were being sent to every Senator and Representative. The letter says, in part:

"We believe in equal rights for women. We oppose the so-called 'equal rights amendment' because it disregards the fact that while men and women are equal in right they are not identical in economic and social functions or physical capacity."

"We oppose it also because it would imperil hard-won legislation enacted to safeguard women as homemakers and mothers, including laws regulating hours, employment of young girls, exposure to industrial substances and processes which are particularly hazardous to women—laws which working women themselves do not wish to lose."

Other signers of the letter include: Mrs. R. A. Angelo, president of National Council of Catholic Women; Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune, National Federation of Colored Women's Clubs; Mary Anderson, chief of the Women's Bureau, Department of Labor; Florence Thorne, AFL research worker; and Ruth Young, United Electrical Radio and Machine Workers.

### Contractors Warned About Working Kids

Washington, D. C.  
Bosses working on government orders are warned by the Public Contracts Division of the Labor Department, which administers the Walsh-Healey Act, that it may cost them a pretty penny if they violate the law in employing children.

Regulations have been relaxed, but some employers are going beyond the revised rules, particularly in employment of young girls, the government declared.

It pointed out that war contractors may now employ girls between 16 to 18, but for not more than eight hours a day and not before 6 a. m. or after 10 p. m., except by special permission. Such girls may not be put in hazardous occupations. Where state laws are stricter, they take precedence.

Employers who infringe these conditions, the Public Contracts Division declared, are liable to damages of \$10 a day for each violation.

"That amount can in no time reach a substantial figure if employers are not careful," the division stressed.

### Twenty-Six Workers In Kaiser Yards Get Special Honor Award

Washington, D. C.  
Twenty-six workers whose ideas have contributed to the amazing production records established by the Henry J. Kaiser shipyards made a clean sweep of national production honors announced by War Production Drive headquarters.

The Drive's Board for Individual Awards bestowed 12 certificates and 14 honorable mentions for production ideas submitted through the Labor-Management Committees of the Portland and Vancouver yards. These committees include representatives of the Metal Trades Council (AFL) and the Kaiser management.

### Ban on Bare Legs Lifted

John M. Baker, head of the Regional War Manpower Commission, has lifted a two-year ban against bare legs among women employees of the U. S. Employment Service. "We're at war now," he explained. "Things are different. The less hose the girls buy the more war bonds they can purchase."

### Ten Thousand Unionists In Argentina's Jails, Claim

Mexico City, Mexico

The number of labor and political prisoners jailed by government of Gen. Pedro Pablo Ramirez "now totals 10,000 and more arrests are being made daily," Vicente Lombardo Toledano, president of the Confederation of Latin American Workers (CTAL), reported this week to the executive council of the Confederation of Mexican Workers (CTM).

Fifty-seven leaders of the now-suppressed General Confederation of Argentine Workers (CGT) have been imprisoned. This figure does not include such CGT leaders as Muzio Girardi, secretary of the Metal Workers Union, and Pedro Chiaranti, secretary of the Building Trades Workers, arrested previously by the government of President Ramon Castillo.

Warning of the danger to the whole continent of Argentine fascism, Toledano stated: "If democratic opinion throughout North America and Latin America does not speedily and forcefully mobilize for the restoration of Argentine democracy, the Ramirez regime is likely to become a focus of infection for the rest of the Americas."

Acting on orders from Minister of Interior Alberto Gilbert to "eradicate all Communist influences," special police are closing all CGT offices in Buenos Aires and other industrial centers. Sixteen union halls were closed last Saturday in Rosario, Argentina's second industrial center.

In its drive to establish the one-party system, the Ramirez administration has suppressed the Socialist Party and other democratic groups in a number of provinces. Among Socialist leaders arrested are Benito Marianetti and Eduardo Araujo. Democratic newspapers such as La Hora and Critica have been suppressed, while the pro-Nazi papers Pampero and Bandera Argentina continue to be published without restriction.

"The Ramirez regime is an attempt to duplicate the Franco dictatorship in Spain," an authorized CTAL spokesman told Allied Labor News at CTAL headquarters here.

### Inflation Danger Greatest After War, Paper Warns

As the danger of devastating inflation after this war will be even greater than during the war, international policies to fight against it must be devised in due time, an article in the Manchester Guardian warns.

We now know, the author says, how to check inflation through high and quick acting taxation, rationing and price control, but only strong governments can enforce the restraints. Such governments may not at once exist even in Allied countries after the war, and much less in the defeated countries. Realistic plans must therefore be prepared for the rapid restoration of financial and economic authorities. In their absence, the currency collapse which would follow the runaway inflation might foil all efforts to obtain international collaboration for monetary and trade policies.

### Shades of Garibaldi!

In his struggle for the unification of Italy, it took Garibaldi 48 days to clean up Sicily; in our struggle for the liberation of Italy from the Nazi-Fascist yoke it took us 38 days to clear the island of all Axis marauders.

Nearly 1,500,000 women now belong to CIO affiliates and 1,300,000 to A. F. of L. unions. Even the Railway Brotherhoods now boast women members.

## UNIONS URGED TO REPORT TO HEADQUARTERS

### Initial Survey Indicates Laborites to Exceed All Previous Quotas on Bonds

San Francisco, California.  
(CFLNL)—Labor's efforts and purchases in the present War Bond Savings campaign will run into the millions and millions of dollars throughout the nation, and in California the results will be astonishingly heartening.

The Federation is compiling a record based on the returns from the unions in order to estimate what purchases have been made in California. It is imperative, therefore, that all of the unions which have not yet reported their bond purchases do so at once, including the payroll deductions of their members for the same purpose.

Not a single reason of any kind, and one that even the most vivid imagination can think of can be given why bonds should not be purchased with every available dollar in the possession of every citizen. It has been pointed out time and time again that bond purchases are the safest investments wage earners can make, not only to protect their money but for their future. It is these bonds that make possible the arming of our boys who are now invading Italy so valiantly and against such ferocity to smash the Axis at its most vulnerable spot.

BUYING BONDS A PRIVILEGE  
All a person has to do is to consider that, in the Axis nations, the wage earners are not given the opportunity to buy bonds. What little surplus money they may have is taken away from them by their dictators. They are not given a chance to invest their money and draw interest on top of it. That is why in this country there cannot be any reasonable cause to halt the oversubscription of any bond issue floated by our government.

INVEST IN DEMOCRACY  
Each single dollar invested in bonds is so much more equity established in the system of Democracy. One additional dollar will buy that much more additional strength for Democracy in the fight against the scourge of civilization—Nazism. The Federation again calls upon its affiliates and friends to buy more and more bonds and to continue until the air of freedom once more bathes the surface of the entire earth.

### AFL LABOR BEATS CIO IN POLL

San Francisco, California

(CFLNL)—By a three to one majority, the A. F. of L. Chemical Workers defeated the United Rubber Workers, C. I. O., in a N. R. L. B. election at the Goodyear Rubber plants at Gardena, California. This victory achieved by the A. F. of L. union was the result of the vigorous campaign waged, and the cooperation to the fullest extent of the State Federation of Labor's organizer.

Another election is scheduled to take place at another rubber plant in the same city. The A. F. of L. unions involved are geared for this election, and judging from all indications, they have all the advantages to be chosen again by the workers as their collective bargaining agencies.

### Plenty of Freezing Of Wages, But Not Of Dividend Return

Evidence that wage "freezing" does not apply to the wages of capital can be found on the financial page of any newspaper.

On a single day recently the record of disbursements of 1942 earnings showed these increases in payments to stockholders:

National Dairy Products, 25 per cent; Beatrice Creamery, 40 per cent; Ward Baking Company, 20 per cent; B. F. Goodrich, 100 per cent; Humble Oil and Refining, 40 per cent; American Agricultural Chemical, 60 per cent; Twentieth Century Fox, 100 per cent; McKesson & Robbins, 30 per cent; National Enameling, 50 per cent.

Doubtless directors of these companies were surprised at their moderation, since profits, after payment of taxes, were more than double those of the previous year.

### REGISTER NOW!

It is the sacred duty of every citizen of the United States to make use of his or her privilege of the ballot. Failure to vote at the elections—the free elections in this, the last bastion of a free people—constitutes a failure to support the democratic institutions for which we are fighting in this global war.

Further—it is the duty of every member of organized labor to make use of the ballot to protect the institution that, fighting through the years, has made it possible to maintain living and social standards second to none in the world.

As Democracy is threatened from without, so the free institution of organized labor is threatened from within. There are powerful political enemies within our gates, organized and active, whose design is to break the labor movement and destroy the wage and hour program, wipe the Labor Code from the statute books, shatter the social security laws and herd the workers of the Nation into industrial slave camps.

YOU CAN STOP THIS ONSLAUGHT AGAINST YOUR ORGANIZATIONS BY UTILIZING YOUR PRIVILEGE OF THE BALLOT, AND USING IT WISELY. BUT IN ORDER TO DO THAT YOU MUST FIRST REGISTER. THAT IS YOUR IMMEDIATE DUTY! RIGHT NOW!



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## WHO WANTS FORCED LABOR?

Aided by plentiful publicity accorded by an anti-labor press the advocates of forced labor, which is just another name for slave labor, are again raising their voices for their pet hobby.

The excuse given for advocating such an un-American measure is the same one they used to put over their equally un-American anti-strike bill, namely that of "military necessity."

No proof is submitted to establish the existence of this glibly labelled "military necessity," nor is the slightest consideration given to the fact that our free labor of today is breaking all production records by an enormously wide margin.

Since when did slave labor become capable of producing more than free labor?

What sense or logic can be found in us sending ten million of our young men across the sea to save the people of other countries from a slavery that has been imposed on them by the axis aggressors, and while we are doing that, turn right around and establish a like or worse form of slavery right here at home?

It simply does not make sense to advocate forced labor in the United States. It is no credit to our kept press that it continually lends itself to spread such unhealthy propaganda.

As matters now stand American labor is doing more to achieve victory in the present war both on the home front and in the percentage of its sons on the fighting front than all other American groups combined.

Who is it that is so anxious to throw cold water on the wonderful spirit of unanimity that now exists in our workshops and all other departments entering into the winning of this war? Are they agents of the Nazis, who are masquerading as patriots? They say they want to increase production, when deep down in their black and disloyal hearts they must know that the only possible result that could flow from forced labor in the United States could not possibly be anything else than an all time low instead of the all time high that now prevails.

We rounded up the Japs in this country and put them in concentration camps when their country declared war on us. What are we going to do with these advocates of restoring slavery in the United States, who are declaring war on our liberties here at home? Are we going to let them continue thus unhampered to undermine the morale of our workers?

## WILL NEED JAPANESE EXCLUSION

There never existed one-half the reasons for Chinese exclusion that exist right now for total Japanese exclusion.

In the case of the Chinese, at the time exclusion of that race was made law in the United States, it was largely a labor question growing out of the fact that Chinese coolies of those days had been imported under a pernicious contract system of cheap coolie labor that not only undermined but completely displaced American labor.

In the case of the Japanese we are dealing with a people that is even a greater menace to labor than the Chinese ever were and besides Japan has declared war on us, not unexpectedly, so far as the Japanese were concerned, but as a result of many years of planning and preparation with that end in view. For at least fifty years the military leaders of Japan have been preparing to wage war on us and on other nations with the end in view that they wanted to take not only the islands of the Pacific but also Alaska and the western part of the mainland of the United States.

These Japs have proven themselves to be deceitful and faithless in living up to obligations and promises. Like the Nazis of Europe their pledged word has been proven to be worthless. They will break faith if they think they can gain something by so doing.

In view of the record made by Japan and in view of the use that her closest ally, Germany, made of considerate treatment after the last World War, who is so dense that they imagine the Japanese would make any other use of considerate treatment now than to prepare for another war having the same or similar aims as those which prompted them to plunge into this war. They must be crushed and made incapable of waging such wars in the future, if we are ever to have peace on earth.

Both Prussian and Japanese militarism have embraced national banditry of weaker nations as part of their creed, their chief dream and aim being to dominate the whole world by subjugating all other nations on earth.

In order to destroy this dream of the totalitarians, once and for all time, those who undertake to put it in practice, as the Japanese war lords and German aggressors have done, should be treated for just what they have demonstrated themselves to be trying to do to us.

In the case of the Japanese the less our people have to do with them till they have had several generations to mend their ways the better will it be for our future security. For this reason we should institute complete Japanese exclusion after the war, till they get cured of their desire to dominate the earth.

## Walling Says 'High Wages' Propaganda Largely Bunk

Washington, D. C.

All the hullabaloo about high wages sounds pretty hollow alongside a shocking report issued by L. Metcalfe Walling, administrator of the Wage and Hour Act.

Unbelievable as the figures seem, about 12,500,000 workers are employed in industries for which a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour was established during the year, or for which applications for wage hikes are pending, Walling said.

Even after the 12,500,000 workers are given a guaranteed 40-cent minimum, Walling asserted, there will still be many workers in other fields being paid less.

"Despite a public impression that wartime wages are high," Walling emphasized, the War Labor Board has deemed it necessary to allow employers, without specific permission, to raise rates to 40 cents an hour. This was done because the board was flooded with requests from employers and employees who had previously not been paying or receiving this much."

## SOME EMPLOYER MEMBERS AGAINST INCREASE

Walling recalled that employer members on committees named to consider wages in two large industries voted almost solidly against establishing rates "as high as 40 cents an hour." This would indicate, Walling said, that lower rates were still being paid and that labor could still be obtained for less than 40 cents an hour.

The principal reason employers are fighting the 40-cent minimum, it was indicated, is that they know when once established the rate will "stand as a bulwark for both employers and workers against competitive wage slashing in the period of readjustment after the war when our soldiers come home." Wide-spread chiseling on wage rates was declared to be due to the inability of the administration to undertake proper enforcement because Congress had cut its inspection staff between a fourth and a fifth.

## LITTLE LUTHER

"Well," said Mr. Dilworth with a smile, "I see that the egg producing industry in New York State has finally got its back up."

"Back up, Pop? How can they lay eggs in that position?"

"Now, now, Luther, none of your smart cracks. The egg producers have laid down an ultimatum to OPA."

"Would that be known as laying an egg, Pop?"

"Don't be flippant, son. These real leaders of American industry are great men. Not to be treated lightly, Luther. They have told the OPA that unless the ceiling price of eggs is lifted by Sept. 13, they won't sell any eggs."

"I don't want to egg you on, Pop, but isn't that a strike?"

"Well, . . . ah . . . um . . . er. Well, Luther, I suppose you might call it that in the vernacular . . ."

"But what do they call it in the egg business, Pop?"

"It's ahem . . . an egg holiday, Luther."

"You mean the hens get a day off?"

"No, Luther, don't be silly. I suppose the hens won't know a thing about it. After all, the OPA hasn't anything to do with hens."

"Unless the egg producers start acting like a chicken with its head cut off, huh, Pop?"

"Luther! These businessmen are responsible leaders in their field. They aren't standing for this regimentation, this continual hamstringing of industry which goes on in Washington."

"So, they're going on strike, huh, Pop? I thought you were against strikes."

"I am, Luther. I most definitely am. A strike is a threat to destroy the American system. And while in wartime labor has given up its strikes, that is not sufficient. Luther, we should outlaw strikes for all time."

"For egg producers, too, Pop?"

"That's a different question entirely, son. These men are quitting production simply to halt government from interfering with their right."

"Oh," said Luther, smiling, "not a strike, then. A revolution. Huh? Huh, Pop?"

Nothing of the kind, Luther. Nothing of the kind. These are sound, conservative businessmen. They don't believe in force and violence. They are for peaceful methods."

"Like starving the people by not producing food?"

"You're absurd, Luther, absurd! These egg producers have simply taken the bull by the horns . . ."

"And I bet," said Luther, walking away hastily, "they find it's an awful lot of bull."

## THE MARCH OF LABOR



WAR'S END AND AFTER, By Stuart Chevalier, Published by the Macmillan Company, 60 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Price \$2.75.

In this stimulating discussion of war and post-war (particularly the latter) problems, Stuart Chevalier, making no pretense of originality, sifts varying points of view with "Red," "White" and "Blue" doing the talking. Thus, from the liberal, conservative and standpoint outlooks are discussed, the aims of the war, its causes, the "four freedoms," what can and might happen after the blood-letting is over, the future of religion in a war-torn world, what steps can be taken to preserve permanent peace.

Proceeding according to the dictum of Oscar Wilde that the "truth is rarely pure, and never simple," an attempt is made here to get a balanced picture of things by considering them from clashing points of view. The result is stimulating and thought-provoking and reminds us that broad tolerance, and not blind partisanship, is more likely to develop the machinery for leaving the world a safer place for our children.

Says the author: "This book is offered as a modest contribution to the general discussion of a post-war world, in an effort to supply some grounds for the hope of many that a better order can and will ultimately emerge out of the present chaos."

Certainly, there cannot be too much discussion along this line, and it cannot come too soon, for unless we do some concrete planning the peace will be but a prelude to future war.

—AL SESSIONS.

MURDER WILL SPEAK, by George Bellairs, published in America, by The Macmillan Company, 193 pages, \$2.00.

A double murder twenty years ago, just disclosed, witnesses dead, motive unknown, no suspects—that was the problem which confronted Scotland Yard Inspector Littlejohn as he took a "busman's holiday" from London to visit friends in the country.

Littlejohn, suddenly confronted with the baffling mystery of the murders, which had been "solved" when the first body was found 20 years earlier and now had to be completely investigated all over again, goes step by step to unravel the few threads remaining and finally establishes the murderer, the motive and the details.

If you like good, fast-moving and well written detective tales, you'll like "Murder Will Speak." George Bellairs' new novel published by the Macmillan Company. The book was published in England under the title, "The Dead Shall be Raised." The tale is a simple one, but is cleverly handled—from the time the Home Guard uncovered the bones of the murdered man until the murderer is trapped into a confession—and brings forth a smattering of English life under the wartime situation.

"The human side of the story, particularly the description of the characters, is aptly handled and of utmost interest. It's a good puzzle, well worth reading."

—W. P. PEDIGO.

Hollywood motto: Marry in haste and repeat at leisure.

## POEM OF THE WEEK

## JOHN DOE

John Doe, a man of low degree,  
Caught in a web of poverty,  
Was noted for his lofty mind,  
His love of truth and human kind.  
He prospered fast, men loved him much,  
For he possessed the common touch;  
Said they, "This man will surely be  
A champion of humanity!"

But what a curse success can bring!  
John changed, his love of man took wing,  
His ideals crumbled into dust  
And left him selfish and unjust.  
He cursed the street from whence he came,  
Denied old friends and changed his name,  
All in his path were made to feel  
The menace of his tyrant heel.

And there are millions like John Doe  
The world has seen them come and go,  
Good men with vision, noble, kind;  
Made drunk with power, vicious, blind;  
Oh, for the day when man will see  
The blessings of humility,  
When might to right will ever cling  
For power is a dangerous thing!

## First Step Toward Nazism

"We cannot fight to crush Nazi brutality abroad and condone race riots at home. Those who fan the fires of racial clashes for the purpose of making political capital here at home are taking the first step toward Nazism."

—VICE-PRESIDENT HENRY A. WALLACE.

## GIGGLES AND GROANS

## WHY PEOPLE GO NUTS

Visitor (in defense plant): "Look at that youngster, the one with the cropped hair, the cigarette and trousers on. It's hard to tell whether it's a boy or girl."

War Worker: "She's a girl, and she's my daughter."

Visitor: "My dear sir, do forgive me. I would never have been so outspoken if I had known you were her father."

War Worker: "I'm not her father; I'm her mother."

## HEAVENLY RESULTS

Minister: "Well, young man, you asked me last Sunday to pray for Anna Belle. Would you like me to repeat the prayer this Sunday?"

Young Man: "No, thank you. She won last Monday and paid 8 to 1."

## CAN'T BE CHOOSY

A soldier writing his buddy, who had been overseas a long time, asked him which he would rather have: A WAC in a hack, a SPAR in a car, or a WAVE in a cave?

The buddy answered him thusly: "If you had been here as long as I have, you would settle for a SHEEP in a jeep."

## SERIOUS MATTER

An old gentleman dropped something on the floor of the theater and was making a great fuss trying to recover it. Finally a lady near him asked what he had lost.

"A chocolate caramel," replied the man.

"All that fuss over a piece of candy?" said the lady, in a rather disgusted tone.

"Yes," said he, "my teeth are in it!"

## EASY COME—EASY GO

Percy: "The moral law is easy to remember."

Flags: "So what?"

Percy: "If you're good you go to a place of everlasting bliss. If not, you go to a place of everlasting blisters!"

## TAKE YOUR CHOICE!

"Should I marry a man who lies to me?"

"Lady, do you want to be an old maid?"

## OBVIOUS INDICATOR

He: "You look lovely every minute. Do you know what that is a sign of?"

She: "Sure, you're about to run out of gas."

## JUST IN CASE

Said the cowboy: "My pardner and I are taking a trip through the desert next week. He's taking along a gallon of whisky, for rattlesnake bites."

"And what are you taking?"

"Two rattlesnakes."

## HADN'T A CHANCE

Betty: I can't marry John, mother. He's an atheist and does not believe there's a hell.

Mother: Marry him and between us, my dear, we'll convince he's wrong.

## MOUSE OR MAN?

The young man brought his car to a stop in front of the theatre. He turned to the girl seated at his side.

"Well, honey," he said, "I've got ten bucks. What shall we do: Get a marriage license and settle down—or go in and see this show?"

The girl appeared undecided. She got out of the car and studied the attraction advertised in front of the theatre. Finally she returned to her boy friend.

"No Mickey Mouse," she sighed. "Let's get married!"

## JUSTIFIED

Johnnie was gazing at his one-day-old brother, who lay squealing and wailing in his cot.

"Has he come from heaven?" inquired Johnnie.

"Yes, dear."

"No wonder they put him out."

## NO PLACE FOR HIM

A young lawyer from the North sought to locate in the South. He wrote to a friend in Alabama, asking him what the prospects seemed to be in his city for "an honest young lawyer and a Republican."

In reply, the friend wrote: "If you are an honest lawyer, you will have little competition. If you are a Republican, the game laws will protect you."

## DIFFERENCE

The president of the local gas company was making a stirring address.

"Think of the good the gas company has done," he cried. "If I were permitted a pun I should say, 'Honor the Light Brigade.'"

And a customer immediately shouted, "Oh, what a charge they made!"

## The Corsicans

Little Corsica has meant much in French history—aside from Napoleon. Corsicans, living in and outside of the tiny island, are only 2% of the entire French population. Yet, they constituted, before Vichy, 6% of the officers, 22% of the non-commissioned officers of the Army, and 20% of the French colonial officials.

## Tri-Partite Panel Hearing Appealed War Board Cases At San Francisco Sessions

San Francisco, California.

(CFLNL)—A number of cases which have been appealed from the 10th Regional War Labor Board are being heard by a tri-partite panel of the National War Labor Board who have arrived in San Francisco, consisting of Dean Wayne Morse, representing the public, Almon E. Roth, representing the employers, Martin P. Durkin, representing the American Federation of Labor and Delmond Garst, representing the CIO.

The cases which have been appealed will be heard by this panel and disposed of by their decisions. Judging from remarks issued to the press by Dean Wayne Morse, the National War Labor Board plans sanctions against unions and employers when decisions of the Board are not carried out.

## MUST FURNISH DATA

These opinions have caused mixed reactions since the whole policy of the War Labor Board can become extremely unfavorable to labor unless the price policy of controlling the rising cost of living is effectuated. That when presenting their cases before the board, labor unions have many times overlooked important considerations which the Board must take into account, will explain the failure of these unions to win their cases in a number of instances.

## "FORM 10" IMPORTANT

In arguing a case before the board or even in presenting a voluntary wage increase request, particularly known as a Form 10, a certain amount of basic data must be

## Time Lost Thru Job Accident Could Turn Out 18,000 Bombers, 35 Huge Battleships

Chicago, Illinois

Time sufficient in which to build 18,000 heavy bombers or 35 battleships was lost in 1942 through job accidents in the U. S., which cost the lives of 18,500 workers and injured 1,750,000 more, the National Council's annual yearbook, just out, reveals.

The accidents happened at the rate of one every 3½ seconds, with a death every six minutes during 1942, the yearbook discloses, costing the nation \$5,200,000,000 and 380,000 man-days of work. Louisiana was the safest State last year in terms of all types of accidents, the publication said.

## We're Saps If We Fall for This Line

"It will be a simple matter for me to produce unrest and revolts in the U. S. so that these gentry will have their hands full with their own affairs. We have no use for them in Europe."

—ADOLPH HITLER.

## Your Government asks your COOPERATION in the CONSERVATION of ELECTRICITY and GAS

Read these excerpts from a letter addressed to Utilities and Their Customers by J. A. Krug, Director, Office of War Utilities.

The War Production Board has proclaimed that maximum war production requires the greatest possible conservation of manpower, transportation, fuel, equipment, and critical materials such as copper, steel, tungsten, and many others—much greater than has been heretofore accomplished.

We cannot exert maximum force against our enemies if waste on the home front is tolerated.

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## OPA Envoy Tells Photo-Engravers To Keep Up Fight On Living Costs

Buffalo, New York. "Labor unions must do all they possibly can to hold down the cost of living," Miss Edith Christeson, OPA Representative working with Women's Auxiliaries, told the convention of the Photo Engraver's Union of North America (AFL) here.

"With wages frozen, labor unions can no longer devote all their attention to securing shorter hours and better wages," she said.

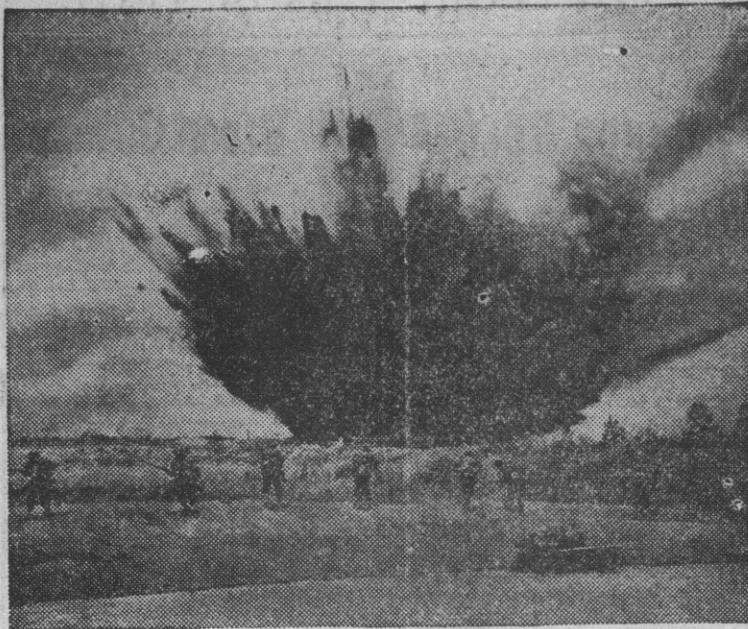
Pointing out that their principal job now is to protect their wages by holding the cost of living, she declared that "whatever its faults, the OPA is the one and only agency set up to fight rising prices, and it needs the support of all organized groups, particularly organized labor."

## MOBILIZE HOUSEWIVES

Washington, D. C. Stressing the dependence of war workers on the services maintained by civilian workers in restaurants, laundries, stores and communication exchanges, the Women's Bureau of the U. S. Department of Labor has issued a recruiting leaflet addressed to the 4,500,000 housewives not working.

Women not responsible for the care of children under 14 and who live in labor shortage areas are urged to register with the U. S. Employment Service and to watch newspaper advertisements. A check list of the essential service industries is included.

## Preview of Invasion



—Official Signal Corps photo, released by WPB Labor Press Service.

Soldiers of the 81st (Wildcat) Division are shown running toward an explosion in simulated invasion landings during field problems at Camp Rucker, Alabama. A Nazi swastika had been planted where the billow of black smoke is shown, but the Wildcats shot it down so quickly the Signal Corps cameraman was unable to photograph it.

## Analysis of What Soviets Were Up Against Shows Greatness of Achievement in Victory Drives

By "OBSERVER"

Many who are now exulting over the admirable showing of the Soviet Union's armed forces in driving back the Nazi war machine have, nevertheless, in the past been guilty of criticizing Russia for its "poor showing" against the Wehrmacht. This criticism was based on the contention that Russia had over twice as many people as Germany. How superficial such a view was, and what a tremendous achievement the present Russian counter-offensive is, is made plain by the following analysis of the facts:

Russia has not only been fighting Germany, but Hungary, Rumania, Finland and Italy, and the combined population of these countries is 155,000,000. In addition, Hitler has been assisted by "Blue Divisions" from Franco Spain and "token" armies of fascist sympathizers from nearly all the other occupied countries of Europe. In addition, Hitler had access to all the military, transportation and industrial equipment, oil stores, mines, farms and factories and slave manpower—not only of her four fighting allies, but of Norway, Denmark, Belgium, Holland, France, Poland, Yugoslavia, Greece and Bulgaria. The population of these countries is approximately 127,000,000. In addition, Hitler (after June, 1941) had the same advantages in occupied Russia, including the Baltic States, Bessarabia and the Ukraine—a population of perhaps another 40,000,000. Thus Hitler has drafted manpower and equipment and supplies from territory embracing some 272,000,000 people.

Following the 1941 onslaught, Russia, then, had a free population of less than 150,000,000 to face Germany, her satellites and slave nations with a population of 272,000,000—a margin of 122,000,000 for Hitler!

Moreover the USSR (1) lost for the time being the vital farming and manufacturing areas of White Russia and the Ukraine (2) has had to keep a million-man army (with all the necessary supplies and military equipment for them) in the Far East, to be prepared against the menace of Japan.

With all the valuable Lend-Lease aid given the USSR by the United States and Britain (remembering at the same time that this aid has never exceeded one-tenth of Russia's own production), the fact remains that Russia's achievement in stopping the Nazi war machine cold is probably the most stupendous in history. It is a testimonial to the invincible morale of the people of the USSR, to the great technical and industrial progress made by that country under its present leadership, and to the efficiency of its social and economic organization in mobilizing its citizenry for TOTAL defense.

## FOURTH TERM FOR F. R.— ARIZONA AFL

Phoenix, Arizona. The Arizona Federation of Labor meeting in its thirty-second convention passed numerous resolutions in support of the war effort and condemning anti-labor measures.

These resolutions included endorsement of President Roosevelt for a fourth term; praise of Governor Osborn and the Industrial Commission for its administration of the workman's compensation law; repeal of the Smith-Connally law; censuring of three Congressmen for not sustaining the President's veto of the Smith-Connally law; opposing moves seeking prohibition of liquor sales; asking the War Labor Board to investigate the wage rates paid by the Tucson Rapid Transit Company.

The convention likewise asked for continuation of the copper tax on the metal produced in foreign countries; for the establishment of "a chair of labor" in the high schools and colleges, and also for the creation of a state department of labor.

The convention defeated the resolution to keep John L. Lewis out of the AFL. It also adopted a resolution for a change in the constitution, reducing the per capita tax and for putting the federation president under the jurisdiction of the executive council.

## DID YOU KNOW?

—That the wages of a Russian worker, translated from roubles to dollars, may appear very substantial to a skilled American worker, but that a Soviet worker's wage is not his sole income and does not completely determine his living standard?

—That rent, which takes about 25 per cent of the American worker's wages, costs the Soviet worker only 4 to 10 per cent?

—That many essentials of living which cost American workers hard-earned dollars are free in the Soviet Union?

—That no Soviet worker is out of pocket for personal or family emergencies such as operations, medical treatment, births or funerals and child care?

## UNDERGROUND WORKER HAS A TOUGH JOB IN EUROPE

The following instructions received by underground rebels in the occupied countries of Europe suggest what it's like to fight tyranny when people have lost the right to rule themselves:

"Eighty per cent of patriot arrests are due to imprudence. Underground fighters must remedy this fault.

"Your work is nobody else's business except that of the patriot at the top. Never speak of it to your parents or your friends. Never keep papers in your house. Searches are always possible. Be wary of your neighbors. The Gestapo and Vichy police employ both men and women for their spying work.

"Do not try to find out what is not your business. If you are charged with the task of distributing a clandestine newspaper, you have no need to know the place of its publication or the name of its editor.

"Never carry with you or keep in your house the address of any of your collaborators. If you can organize your work without even knowing the addresses of your collaborators—that is, by prearranged meetings—so much the better. If not, learn the addresses by heart.

"Never write down the time or place of meetings. Such imprudence can lead to the arrest of many other patriots. If possible, carry everything in your memory; if not, write it in a code that only you can decipher.

"In arranging meetings, do not choose hotels, cafes, or restaurants. Do not collect a large number of companions in one place. On your way to the meeting walk normally and at ease. Think beforehand of a plausible answer in case you are stopped and asked for your papers and your destination. Try to avoid returning to the same meeting places."

"A steadfast concert for peace can never be maintained except by a partnership of democratic nations."—WOODROW WILSON.

## Embarrassing Moments

Anthony Asquith, British film director, is troubled by inability to remember names—at times even of old friends. He was dining at the Savoy one day, and looked up from his newspaper to see a familiar face. But the name escaped him.

Asquith stood up, shook hands warmly with the man, and said: "How are you, where have you been? Will you join me?" and other polite remarks while he was trying to recall the name.

Said the embarrassed fellow, "I'm the waiter, sir."—ENGLISH DIGEST.

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